

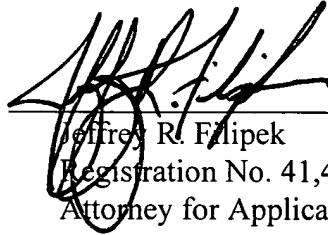
REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to cancel claims 1-8 and add new claims 9-18.

Respectfully submitted,

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